During the last three years *i.e.* 1985 to 1987, a total number of 375 letters of intent were granted to various State Government undertakings (including State Industrial Development Corporations) and 132 letters of intent were granted to Central Government Undertakings.

Specific information in respect of Companies/projects working in the joint sector with participation of private and Central/State Public Sector undertakings is not maintained centrally in the Ministry of Industry.

Joint Sector Projects

1101. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how do Government define 'Joint Sector' and distinguish it from 'Associate Sector' and 'Assisted Sector';

(b) whether the contribution to equity capital of an enterprise by the Financial Institutions is included in Government's share of 26 per cent in determining the status of a 'Joint Sector';

(c) whether 'Joint Sector' enterprises include companies where Governments collaborate with a foreign company and the later has a share in the equity and in management without any other Indian private entrepreneur being associated; and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether a public sector or a Joint Sector company collaborating with Government in a new venture also constitutes a 'Joint Sector' enterprise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The pattern of share holding in Joint Sector Projects is as follows:

(i) State Industrial Development Corporation (SIDC)	26% of equity capital
(ii) Non-FERA/Non-MRTP Companies	Less than the share of SIDC. In case higher share is considered necessary, prior approval of Central Government is to be obtained.
(iii) MRTP/FERA Companies. . .	Association of a MRTP/FERA Company is subject to prior approval of Government of India. The share hilding of the Company shall be less than that of a SIDC and in no case it will exceed 25% of equity capital.

No such stipulation has been prescribed in the case of "Associated Sector" or "Assisted Sector".

(b) No. Sir.

(c) SIDC projects having foreign equity holdings are not recognised as joint sector projects.

(d) Only the projects having share holding pattern indicated in reply to part (a) of the Question are recognised as Joint Sector Projects.

Production of iodized salt

1102. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of iodized salt in the country at present;

(b) what is the quantum of iodized salt needed to combat goitre in the country; and

(c) in what manner the total requirement thereof is likely to be fulfilled?